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TAGS: PREL, RW, CG, VT
SUBJECT: VATICAN CALLS IN U.S., FRANCE, AND BELGIUM ON
RWANDA AND ZAIRE

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON RWANDA

2. HOLY SEE FOREIGN MINISTER ABP TAURAN CALLED IN THE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(B), 1.4(D)
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AMBASSADORS OF THE U.S., FRANCE, AND BELGIUM TO EXPRESS THE VATICAN'S CONCERN OVER RWANDA AND ZAIRE. TAURAN SAID THE NUNCIO FROM KIGALI AND OTHER CHURCH SOURCES REPORT OVERWHELMING CARNAGE IN RWANDA, INCLUDING THE DEATHS OF 50 PRIESTS AND THE DESTRUCTION OR DAMAGE OF MOST CHURCHES. TAURAN SAID HE SPOKE WITH THE POPE ABOUT THIS AND SAID THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD DO MORE TO STOP THE KILLING.

3. TAURAN REQUESTED THE THREE AMBASSADORS ASK THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO AGREE ON AN INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT NAMING THE RWANDA MASSACRES "GENOCIDE". THE VATICAN ALSO SAID THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO STOP THE KILLING, AND ASKED FOR CONCERTED ACTION BY THE THREE COUNTRIES TO BRING THE PARTIES BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, AND WORK TOWARDS SOME SORT OF GOVERNMENT OR CONFERENCE OF TRANSITION, OR WHATEVER HAS A CHANCE TO BRING THE SIDES TOGETHER. HE FURTHER ASKED THAT THE THREE COUNTRIES WORK TO FORM A UN OR OAU FORCE, MANNED BY AFRICAN COUNTRIES, TO OPEN CORRIDORS FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION.

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4.

TAURAN ADDED THAT HE WILL BE IN BRUSSELS MAY 5 TO MEET WITH THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER (AND JACQUES DELORS) AND SAID WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE DIRECTLY WITH HIM.

5. AMBASSADOR FLYNN REPLIED THAT THE U.S. IS ENGAGED IN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WITH THE COUNTRIES SURROUNDING RWANDA WORKING TO END THE KILLING. HE SAID THAT WE HAVE ALSO DEDICATED \$35 TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS FOR THE REFUGEES. TAURAN REPLIED THAT AID IS IMPORTANT BUT THE DIPLOMATIC PUSH IS ESSENTIAL TO END THE GENOCIDE. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID PARIS IS SENDING A MISSION TO THE SURROUNDING COUNTRIES. THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT BELGIUM IS MAKING SIMILAR EFFORTS AND SAID THE ARUSHA AGREEMENT MAY STILL BE THE ONLY ANSWER.

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ZAIRE: NOW THE OPPOSITION IS THE PROBLEM

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6. TAURAN SAID THE TRANSITION IN ZAIRE IS NOW BLOCKED
BY THE SEVEN OPPOSITION CANDIDATES SEEKING THE
PREMIERSHIP, AND THIS IMPASSE ONLY SERVES MOBUTU.
TAURAN SAID THE OPPOSITION NOW SAYS NOTHING CAN BE DONE
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UNTIL ABP. MONSENGWO RETURNS FROM ROME. WHEN MONSENGWO
RETURNS TO ZAIRE LATER THIS MONTH HE WILL BE GOING TO
HIS DIOCESE, TAURAN STRESSED. THE ANSWER IS NOT WITH
MONSENGWO, BUT WITH THE OPPOSITION SORTING OUT THEIR
DIFFERENCES.

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7. AMB. FLYNN SAID THAT TAURAN'S ANALYSIS OF THE
IMPASSE TRACKS WITH OURS, AND PROMISED TO REPORT
TAURAN'S REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. FLYNN

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